



## JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL

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### Written Testimony of THE JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL, JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER HARTFORD

Before the Government Administration and Elections Committee concerning Senate Bill #1057 / An Act  
Concerning the Secretary of the State and Early Voting.

Dear Members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee,

On behalf of the Jewish Community of Greater Hartford, the board of the Jewish Community Relations  
Council (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford goes on record in support of SB #1057.

The Jewish Community Relations Council educates and galvanizes the Jewish community on issues of  
social justice, combats hate, and advocates for public policy consistent with Jewish values. One of the core  
tenets of Judaism is *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. In that vein, our legislative priorities focus on issues  
such as feeding the hungry, enhancing education, and fostering economic growth.

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) supports implementing access to early voting in  
accordance with the recently passed referendum. The right to vote is fundamental to our system of  
government. Our current "one day only" election sets Connecticut apart from most other states, and limits  
who is able to participate in this important exercise. Allowing for early voting over the course of several  
days or weeks leading up to Election Day will promote civic engagement for all people.

This issue of early voting is one of our policy priorities this year. Ease and access to voting are of the utmost  
importance to ensuring a healthy and thriving democracy. To increase the number of active voters and  
promote civic engagement in our state, it is essential that provide multiple dates on which to vote .

Thank you for your consideration. You are welcome to contact us with any questions by contacting Danielle  
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